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XII. EFFECTS

OF LIGHTNING ON THE HOUSE OF THE REV. SILAS MOODY,
IN ARUNDEL, IN MAINE, AUGUST 17, 1807.

In a letter to the Rev. John Eliot, D.D. F.A.A.

BY REV. SILAS MOODY, A. M.



ArunDEL, August 17, 1807.

REV. SIR,

I LEARN by the news papers, that the members of the Academy of Arts and Sciences solicit communications respecting the effects of lightning in certain places and circumstances.

Some years ago my house was struck with lightning at the ridge pole ; it ran down the principal and corner post ; shattered the casing of the post, and strewed the pieces over the bed, where a child lay asleep, within eighteen inches, or two feet, of the post. I sat in a room adjoining, separated only by a thin partition. Hearing the child make a noise, I immediately opened the door, found the room, where it lay, filled with smoke of a sulphureous smell, caught the child in my arms, carried it to an outer door for fresh air, awoke it (for it was still asleep) and could not perceive that it had received the least harm. The room was closely shut, and there was no fire place in it. Query, Whether the closeness of the room, or feathers in the bed as repellent, were means, under the protection of a gracious God, of preserving the child from injury.

The doors and windows in the room, where I sat, when the lightning struck, were shut ; but there was a large, open fire place in it. Some in the room felt great inconvenience from the shock, but were not quite stunned.

Your friend and servant,

SILAS MOODY.